

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SHYAM PRANAMI GOULI, :
Petitioner :
v. : Case No. 3:23-cv-95-KAP
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, *et al.*, :
Respondents :

Memorandum Order

Petitioner, an inmate at the Clearfield County Jail, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 at ECF no. 1 and motions to proceed *in forma pauperis* at ECF no. 5 and ECF no. 6, in the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. That court transferred the matter here. The Clerk will correct the spelling of the petitioner's name and add his booking number to his address.

The motions to proceed *in forma pauperis*, ECF no. 5 and ECF no. 6, are denied. The Clerk shall assign this matter to a District Judge with the reference back to me. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A), petitioner can within fourteen days file an appeal or objections from this order to the presiding District Judge, or he can withdraw his motion to proceed *ifp* and indicate that he will pay the filing fee and costs of service.

Petitioner's inmate account statement indicates that the most recent balance in his inmate account is \$1883.16. He does not need to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

As an inmate petitioner does not pay for housing or food, and his motion and account statement indicate that he has no dependents. Paying the filing fee and costs of service will not, on this record, deprive petitioner of any necessity of life, access to court, or even the amenities available in the commissary. Congress's *in forma pauperis* statute ensures that litigants have access to court: it does not relieve an inmate litigant from making the same choices about spending that non-inmate litigants must make.

DATE: June 1, 2023



Keith A. Pesto,
United States Magistrate Judge

Notice by U.S. Mail to:

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